MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the attention of Government been drawn to the fact that none of these big farms has been productive of any gain to the Government, and that they have not been financially successful?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They were not introduced with a view to make a profit.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the attention of Government been drawn to the moral effect that it is likely to produce upon the agricultural population?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): These were introduced not with a view to make any profit, but with the object of educating the public.

Applications for Free Passes for Sweet Toddy.

178. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): (1) In regard to the sweet-toddy free pass, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications for free passes for sweet-toddy were received during 1100;

(*b*) how many of them were sanctioned; and

(*c*) if any of the applications was not sanctioned, the reason for it?

(2) Has the Excise Commissioner informed the Assistant Commissioner, either by word of mouth or in writing, that no more free passes than those now granted in each circle should be given?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to order that applications for free passes should be sanctioned as far as possible?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) 114.

(*b*) 98.

(*c*) The information required by the Member is given below:—

No. of applications rejected.	*Division.*	*Reason.*
1	Kottayam	Not stamped according to rules.
2	Arukutty	The applicants were not *bona fide* manufacturers of sweet-toddy.
2	Piravam	do.
11	Alwaye	do.

(2) No.

(3) *Bona fide* applications for tapping for sweet-toddy are usually sanctioned. No special instructions from Government are necessary.

Agricultural Loans.

179. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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